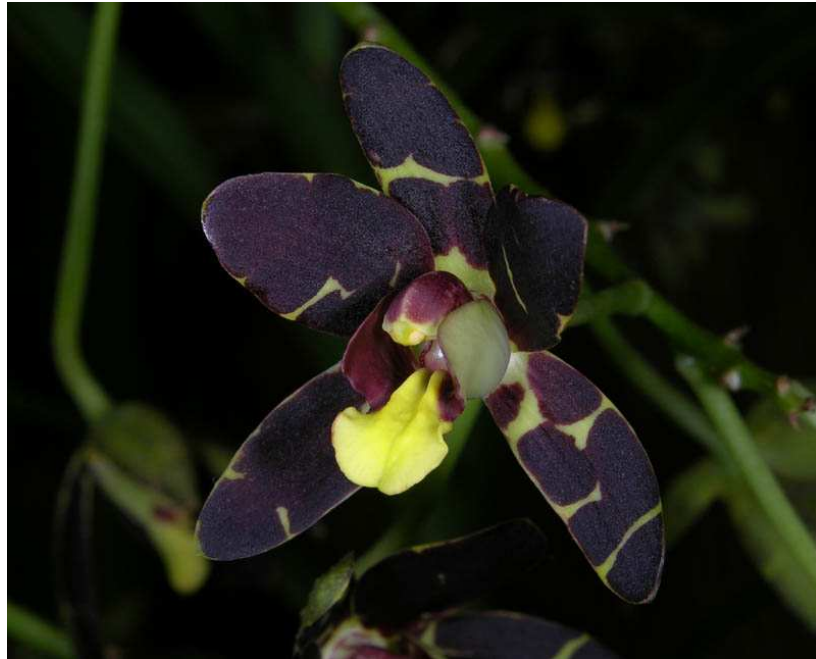


# Ansellia africana 'Black Form'



**Native of:** Widespread in tropical Africa.

**Habitat:** Found both in dry and wet woodland usually below 700m but sometimes higher.

**Description:** This is the Leopard Orchid. A large growing plant with upright pseudobulbs about 40cm high producing spikes near the top up to 80cm long with lots of 5cm spotty flowers that last a long time. In this variety the spots merge to give very dark flowers.

**Cultivation Guidance:** At school we grow this species in pots and warm (min 15°C). We keep the plants in a bright position and water well in the summer but keep dryer in the winter.

**Flowering season:** Spring

**Flask to flowering approx.** 5yrs.

**Seedling source:** Kath Fairhurst